Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The aim of the Pay it Forward concept is to promote community spirit through acts of kindness; and,

Whereas, The Pay it Forward novel, written by Catherine Ryan Hyde in 2000, has inspired the creation of a movie and a movement that has been vital in inspiring millions of good deeds all over the world; and,

Whereas, Pay it Forward Day was created in 2007 in Australia to further the altruistic movement of goodwill; and,

Whereas, Pay it Forward Day is a worldwide effort being supported by people in more than 70 countries on 6 continents; and,

Whereas, Pay it Forward Day encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return except for the recipients to pay it forward to others in need; and,

Whereas, Together we can make a difference by crating positive change in our community and world, one good deed at a time:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2016, as

PAY IT FORWARD DAY

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to observe this day with activities and acts of kindness that demonstrate and celebrate selfless giving.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State